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In response to the Official Action of November 26, 2003, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 26, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Response.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

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